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Newsletter for January 2020



Kansas Begins Here!



Free Tag Day will be on

****WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th****

Hours are 7am - 4pm

Proof of rabies vaccination required



The Animal House will be holding a vaccination clinic. MUST have an appointment.
Please call 890-6166 for more information.

*Saturday, January 11, 2020 - 9am - 3pm

*Monday, January 13, 2020 - 9am - 4pm



Saturday, January 25th from 6 PM – 11 PM

Come for a night of catering by The Dish Room, live music, and an auction to benefit the Carnegie Arts Center. Make plans be a part of something big!
Get your tickets now - seats are limited!
Call 785-890-6442 for more information.

Important Notice

- City Offices will be closed on January 20th during Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Note that the 2nd City Commission meeting of the month will be held January 21st because of the holiday.



imagination playground

High Plains Museum Happenings

Imagination Playground blocks are at the museum! Bring the kids in to exercise their minds and muscles, using their own creativity.

Museum Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday
9:00am - 5:00pm



Message from the Manager...



From all of us at the City of Goodland, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year! As we enter 2020, I think it is important to reflect upon the success of 2019 and to convey how we have been responsible stewards of your tax dollars.

The City has always focused on maintaining high quality infrastructure and making improvements as funding allows, and 2019 was no exception. This past year, the City completed new pavement and/or curb and gutter work on Eastridge from 10th to Eustis, Eustis from 8th to 4th, 10th Street from Main to Broadway, Center from 17th to 16th, Sherman from 17th to 14th, 4th Street from Grand to Sherman, and 25th Street from Commerce Rd to the ballfields. Due to the unusually high number of rain days we had this summer, we are still waiting to complete new pavement on 15th Street from Main to Caldwell, which is slated for late winter/early spring 2020. This was all made possible through a \$2.3 million General Obligation Bond passed by the City Commission. The cost of these improvements was not cheap, as infrastructure projects never are, but we anticipate these new roads to benefit our community for many years.

In addition, we were able to complete another block of Main Ave, from 9th to 10th, in 2019. This project included removing brick that has held up for nearly 100 years and replacing it with new brick. In the process, we also made electrical, water and storm drain improvements downtown. This was made possible by a \$300,000 grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation with the City matching another \$300,000. The City also completed an extension of Enterprise Rd in preparation for the massive new Holiday Inn Express addition south of the interstate.

Our park system, one of the most impressive and beloved aspects of our community, got even better in 2019. A sand volleyball court was installed at Steever Park thanks to Lexus McCord, who chose the volleyball court as her Girl Scout Silver Award project and worked with the Sherman County Community Foundation and the City of Goodland to make it happen! Three "Little Free Libraries" were added to the parks as well which offer residents and visitors the ability to take books free of charge. Look for them in Phillips, Chambers and Gulick Park! Last, but certainly not least, was the huge addition of Goodland's first dog park. It can be found in Pioneer Park between the Goodland Welcome Center and the Van Gogh painting. More improvements will be coming to our parks in 2020, as a new recreational trail will be installed at Steever Park and on the Northwest Tech campus.

The services our firefighters and police officers provide become more demanding each year as calls for service increase annually. I would urge you to thank our first responders every opportunity you can as they put themselves in harm's way to afford us the security and protection we all enjoy. This goes for our utility workers as well, who get called out in dangerous weather conditions this time of year.

We are able to achieve so much every year thanks to our excellent staff. None of them came to work for the City in pursuit of money or fame, but for their love of this community. I can't give them enough credit for what they do.

I would also like to thank Commissioners Brian Linin, Annette Fairbanks, and Jacque Schields for their work over the years as they end their time on the City Commission. Being a Commissioner can at times be a difficult and thankless job, but I have always appreciated their perspective and willingness to tackle the tough issues that our community faces. As the new year approaches, I am excited for incoming Commissioners JJ Howard, Aaron Thompson and Gary Farris to join incumbents Jay Dee Brumbaugh and John Garcia and help continue to move Goodland forward!

Again, Happy New Year from the City of Goodland – let's make the year 2020 even better than the last!

-Andrew Finzen, City Manager